

In the Specification:

1. In the section labeled "Brief Description of the Drawings", please replace the paragraph on p. 9, lines 20-21 with the amended paragraph shown in the marked-up copy of that amended specification paragraph; and
2. In the section labeled "Brief Description of the Drawings", please add the paragraph shown in the enclosed clean copy of the new specification paragraph.

Remarks:

Claims 11-17, 19-24, and 30-42 are pending. By this response, Applicant amends claims 11-12, 15-17, 31-33, 36-37, 40 and 42. Claims 30 and 41 have been canceled without prejudice. Further, new claims 43-49 have been added. Further, by this response, Applicant submits new figures 30(b) through 30(f) and 47 for the Examiner's approval. Support for the new figures will now be explained.

I. The new figures do not constitute new matter because they are amply supported by the originally-filed application.

- a) Figure 30(b):** ✓
- First, Figure 30(b) illustrates an embodiment wherein the EEPROM 14 is located on the data receiving side separated from the portable key unit K. Figure 30(b) further shows that fingerprint match processing is carried out on the data receiving side while fingerprint code preparation is carried out by the portable key unit K. Support for Figure 30(b) is specifically set forth in the originally-filed application when the Applicant discusses (with reference to originally-filed Figure 30):

There can be a matching circuit on the data receiving side of the controller also, as shown in Figure 30. In that case, it can be set up so that the data transmission side, i.e., the card K, carries out only the preparation of fingerprint codes while the processing of fingerprint code registration and matching are done on the data receiving side. In this case, the EEPROM 14 of the card K need not be present. (See Application, page 51, lines 7-14 (emphasis added)).

Because Applicant clearly sets forth the content of Figure 30(b) in the application, the addition of Figure 30(b) does not constitute new matter.

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CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED SPECIFICATION PARAGRAPH ON PAGE 9 EXTENDING
FROM LINES 20-21;

C9 Figures 30(a)-(f) depict diagrams showing various alternative structures for the lock depicted in Figure 29.

CLEAN COPY OF NEW SPECIFICATION PARAGRAPH ON PAGE 10 APPEARING AT
THE END OF THE "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION" SECTION;

C10 Figure 47 depicts a diagram showing multiple matching circuits performing fingerprint match determinations in parallel.